



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : **A METHOD FOR DIRECT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mail dated September 10, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendments and comments. A petition for an extension of time, up to and including March 10, 2005 and the required fee is included.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.